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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand ranged light to very good, mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available, at times ample in some areas. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for a moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good and improving in many locations. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were in a full range of adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52	LARGE	27-36	31
LARGE	44-54	45-48	MEDIUM	14-20	18
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36	SMALL	8-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was instances light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for usually normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned and loose egg sales were in a full range, light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning week. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-67	55-58
LARGE	52-65	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-55	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Retail demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	47-51

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	38-47	41-43

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large, large, medium, and small. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 21%. Retailer demand good. Offerings and floor stocks ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large, large, medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large brown dozen 2 for \$5.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	106
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	249-259		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE	
LARGE	199-219		
MEDIUM	189-205		

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 18, 2005 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 11, 2005 were 255,482 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	216,342	39,140	255,482
% change from the prior week.....	+7	-5	+4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-31	25-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.25
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25	11-12.75	12.02

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 14, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	15.4	17.8	10.7	14.6	17.1	75.6
	Change	-0.1	-1.2	1.8	0.6	3.0	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.8	46.0	13.6	31.1	45.6	166.1
	Change	1.8	-5.8	-0.3	-11.7	1.7	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	92.9	167.2	111.0	138.6	174.7	684.4
	Change	1.9	8.4	13.0	8.9	24.4	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	51.3	18.1	30.6	31.4	141.8
	Change	-0.4	0.3	-1.9	5.7	-1.3	2%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	8.7	2.4	7.8	2.8	23.8
	Change	-1.5	2.0	-0.6	1.2	-1.6	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	29.5	11.7	14.6	6.9	68.5
	Change	1.8	6.1	3.1	2.0	1.5	27%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	41.8	34.6	36.5	38.6	169.0
	Change	-6.3	-13.7	-7.7	-4.6	0.2	-16%
Total	Curr Wk	173.9	362.3	202.1	273.8	317.1	1,329.2
Percent	Change	-2%	-1%	4%	1%	10%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,329.2	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	270.0	7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,599.2	3%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

## CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 14, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							14.00					FUTURE LOADS							18.25					TOTAL LOADS							32.25				
		SE			NE		MW		LOADS				SC			NW		SW			LOADS				SC			NW		SW			LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	33.00	—	—	35.00	—	35.00	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	36.50	—	.50	GL W LG	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
GL W XL	—	—	44.50	46.50	34.00	—	8.00	GL W MD	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
GL W LG	—	—	40.00	42.00	—	—	2.00	GL W SM	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	23.17	27.00	2.75																												
NRBS - 48	24.00	26.20	—	—	—	—	9.00																												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/07/05-03/11/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
41.50								43.25								84.75							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	32.33	36.00		32.50	35.36	—	35.00	15.00	GNR W 1	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	5.00							
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W J	38.00	—	—	—	—	50.79	4.75							
GNR W 3	—	25.50		—	—	23.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	47.20	—	—	—	46.67	2.75							
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	42.00	—	—	—	50.00	2.00							
GL W J	—	—		53.00	54.00	38.40	—	4.75	GL W MD	28.00	31.00	—	—	—	34.00	3.25							
GL W XL	—	48.33		44.58	47.85	38.71	—	29.75	GL W SM	18.38	—	—	—	—	24.13	2.00							
GL W LG	—	47.20		39.25	41.00	39.00	41.00	10.00															
GL W MD	34.00	35.00		—	32.25	25.27	27.00	11.75															
GL W SM	—	—		25.00	28.00	—	—	1.00															
NRBS - 48	24.00	26.71		—	—	—	31.00	24.00															
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—	—	27.00	2.00															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/07/05	02/28/05	03/08/04
PACIFIC COAST	368	401	257
LOS ANGELES	358	391	187

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market was steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.63
LARGE	69.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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